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Two District Residents Plead Guilty to Weapons Charges - One Brandished a Gun at the Other's Ex-Boyfriend -

WASHINGTON – Nyekemia Everett, 26, and Janee Carter, 22, both of Washington, D.C., have pled guilty to weapons charges stemming from an incident that took place earlier this year involving Carter's ex-boyfriend, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Everett pled guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm and Carter pled guilty to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon. Both entered their pleas on July 12, 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Robert I. Richter scheduled sentencing for September 13, 2011. Under the court's voluntary sentencing guidelines, Everett faces up to 15 years in prison, and Carter faces up to five years.

According to the government's evidence, the incident took place on May 18, 2011, behind the home of Carter's ex-boyfriend in the 1600 block of 16th Street SE. Earlier in the day, Carter, Everett, and two others had confronted Carter's ex-boyfriend and his current girlfriend at the home, without incident. However, around 5:45 p.m., Carter drove Everett to the back of her ex-boyfriend's home, where Everett got out of the vehicle, brandished a handgun, and threatened Carter's ex-boyfriend. The victim retreated into his home and the police were contacted.

After taking a report from the victim, officers canvassed the area and spotted the car that Carter had driven to the scene. Carter was driving and Everett was a passenger. Officers stopped the car, and found a fully loaded handgun in a diaper bag on the floorboard of the back seat. The victim identified that as the gun that had been used during the encounter behind his house.

The victim later discovered a voice-mail on his cell phone that he had received from Carter's phone just before the incident. On the call, Carter was heard saying, "you should just shoot him right now," and Everett is heard saying that the gun was ready to shoot.

In announcing the guilty pleas, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), including Detectives Thomas Sepulveda, Jeffrey Dixon, and Andrew Richardson; Crime Scene Officer Jarlath Cady, and Sixth District

Officers Shivon Wiggins, Aaron Makanoff, Edward Smith, and Joe Conjura.

U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the efforts of those who worked on the case from the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Victim Witness Advocate Lezlie Richardson, Paralegal Troy Griffith, and Legal Assistant Nicole Lee. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela Pegram Saffoe, who prosecuted the case.

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